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Republican Caucus Was Well Attended Nominate Officials

The Republican town caucus was held at the town hall on Monday evening with an attendance of about sixty of our citizens. The meeting was called to order promptly at eight o'clock by Chairman William F. Hoehn, with Mrs. Dorothy Miller, secretary, reading the call. Charles L. Johnson and Mrs. William A. Shattuck were named tellers. Samuel E. Walker was unanimously chosen as chairman of the caucus and Mrs. Mildred Addison as clerk. Nominations were made and selections to fill the vacancies of town offices, were by ballot. The only changes in the existing slate was the choice of Fred I. Bolton over Clifford Field as assessor, Thomas J. Russell over Herman Browning as constable, and Frank H. Montague to succeed Rev. W. Stanley Carne as library trustee. Nominations were as follows:

Town clerk, Josephine S. Haskell; treasurer, Charles F. Slate; selectmen, Fred A. Holton, Carl L. Mason, Hermon B. Fisher; moderator, William F. Hoehn; tax collector, Charles F. Slate; school committee, Irving J. Lawrence; library trustees, Miss Julia B. Austin, Frank H. Montague; cemetery commissioner, George N. Kidder; tree warden, Dean W. Williams; constables, Harry M. M. Haskell, Martin E. Vorce, Herman A. Miner, Thomas J. Russell. All successful candidates were immediately notified by the clerk and the action of the caucus was filed with the town clerk.

Epidemic Of Colds This Season Of Year

There is an epidemic of colds, in some form or other that is running riot throughout the state at this season of the year, learned from reports coming from Boston and other places. Frequently these colds lead into something else, more serious and observers point to the increased number of obituary notices in the newspapers the crowding of hospitals, the increased demand for nurses and the activity of members of the medical profession. There is much sickness in Northfield right now, with a renewed call for medical services and for nurses. However there is no alarming situation here, save for the condition that prevails everywhere else. Caution requires that everybody exercise the proper care of themselves, and if any alarming symptom develops to call a doctor. Thus far, the state health department has refused to indicate that it believes influenza is rampant anywhere in the state, in spite of reports from all sections of hospitals full to the last bed.

Center School News

The honor roll for the months of November and December for the pupils of the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grades at Center school is announced by the principal, Walter Harding. High honors were accorded Mary Fisher of the sixth grade, and June Oota, Arlene Finch, Rua Jones and Kay Moody of the eighth grade. Honors were won by Marion Avery of the fifth grade; Alva Jones, Lois Stearns, Marilyn Dresser and Godard Winterbottom of the sixth grade; Helen Andrew of the seventh grade; and Nell Churchill, Paul Gorzowski, Phoebe Stacy and Marion Zabko of the eighth grade. Perfect attendance records for the two months were held by Blanche Duda, Fred Lucier, Manuel Medo and Edwin Stearns of the fifth grade; Ruth Clark, Marilyn Dresser, Mary Fisher, Robert Hubbard and Alva Jones of the sixth grade; Robert Clark, Sophie Duda, Anna Lematowicz, Victor Sherwood and Helen Andrew of the seventh grade; and Nell Churchill, June Oota, Arlene Finch, Helen Howard, Rua Jones, Shirley Purrington, William Shattuck, Carl Stone and Marion Zabko of the eighth grade. The weekly assembly last Friday was under the direction of the principal, Walter Harding. The Bible reading and prayer were led by Rua Jones and the flag salute by Phoebe Stacy. A moving picture in technicolor was then presented by the American Youth Hotel with Fritz Kaufhold commenting on and explaining the pictures. Views were shown of hotel trips to South America, Cape Cod, the Far West, and a skiing trip to the Laurentians in Canada.

Chapter Eastern Star Has An Installation

Masonic hall was filled to capacity last Friday evening, with members, friends, and visitors, who witnessed the installation ceremony of the officers for 1941 of Northfield chapter Order of the Eastern Star. Anna Marie Obrey of Springfield, Past Grand Matron, installed the officers. She was assisted by Paul S. Maisack, Past Grand Patron as patron; Rebecca B. Bath, Past Matron as marshal; Lucy C. Maisack, Deputy Grand Matron as chaplain; Marion W. Goodspeed, Past Matron as organist; and Harriet F. Kelley, Past Matron, as soloist. The following were installed: Mrs. Ruth Hurlbut, worthy matron; F. Wilton Dean, worthy patron; Miss Ida J. Sheldon, associate matron; Edward C. Bolton, associate patron; Mrs. Helen K. Fish, secretary; Miss Gladys E. Elithorpe, P. M., treasurer; Mrs. Catherine M. Sheldon, conductress; Miss Priscilla M. Colton, associate Conductress; Mrs. Evelyn H. Parker, P. M., chaplain; Mrs. Helen B. Cobb, marshal; Mrs. Ruth R. Stebbins, organist; Mrs. Ruth W. Bolton, Adah; Mrs. Marian L. Ware, Ruth; Mrs. Jennies M. Warnock, Esther; Mrs. Marion W. Dean, Martha; Mrs. Gladys N. Buffum, electa; Mrs. Gertrude I. Morgan, Warder; Vernal G. Hurlbut, P. P. Sentinel.

Seminary - Hermon Services On Sunday

The chapel speaker at the seminary Sunday will be Rabbi Levi Olan of Temple Emanuel, Worcester. Rabbi Olan will address both the morning service at 11 o'clock and the vesper service at 5 o'clock in Russell Sage chapel. At a panel discussion on "The Meaning of Brotherhood in the World Today," held at Northfield last year, Rabbi Olan was one of the principal speakers, and his return to Northfield is anticipated with great pleasure. At Mt. Hermon Memorial chapel the Sunday speaker will be the Rev. A. J. Muste of the Fellowship of Reconciliation. Before taking over the executive secretaryship of the Fellowship last September, Mr. Muste was director of the Labor Temple in New York City. His son, John, is enrolled as a student at Mt. Hermon school this year. Services are at 10:30 a. m. and 5 p. m. and an organ recital will follow the vespers service at 5:30 p. m.

Northfield Man New Officer Co. L

Corp. Raymond F. Kervian of Northfield Farms, a member of Co. L, National Guard of Greenfield, was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the company at Springfield Thursday. The company leaves for a year's training at Camp Edwards on Jan. 27. Lieut. Kervian is married and has one son and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Kervian of the Farms. He has been employed at the Millers Falls Tool Co. Some years ago he was a scoutmaster of a troop of Boy Scouts here. He enlisted in the National Guard in 1935 and has been a Corporal for the past three years. Because of his interest in military affairs he studied at times in the various military school sessions of the Guard.

W.C.T.U. Session

The W. C. T. U. had another of their interesting sessions in which about 65 of the children of our town took part in Alexander hall, Wednesday afternoon. The meeting was opened by President Mrs. N. Fay Smith who led the devotions. Then three reels of temperance pictures were shown by Mr. Carr, "The Chance of a Lifetime," "The Tower of Strength," and "Dollars and Sense." The children's program was under the direction of Mrs. Elizabeth Bailey assisted by Mrs. Esther Williams. The seventh and eighth grades sang, "Carry On," and quotations from great men, "The Verdict of the Ages," the first taken from the great pyramid in Egypt which was without date, the next was 1000 years B. C. and from that down through the ages until the present time. All warnings against strong drink, sang songs, "The Way the Mist Goes Up," "Temperance," "The Best Drink," "What I Think," the fifth and sixth grades sang a song, "The Ten Little Indians." Some from the high school came in and nearly 100 were present. Candy and nuts were passed out.

Mercury Goes Down Way Below The Zero

Descending suddenly, unexpectedly and unannounced the intense cold weather has gripped this section since the light fall of snow on Sunday. It has been the coldest period for the winter, and the mercury has been reported in various parts of Northfield as 14 degrees below zero. During the day the sun has shone for the most part with its cheer and warmth but the nights have been bitter. Many motorists were caught unprepared and the garages were kept busy replenishing the radiators of cars. Householders called upon plumbers to thaw out pipes, and the stoves and furnaces were pushed to do overtime work. Wood piles, coal bins and oil supply rapidly diminished with the unexpected demand. While sub-normal weather conditions are expected to prevail for a while, all can take courage, for spring is not so far distant, and the weeks will pass swiftly. With the snow and ice covered ground, supplemented by the cold, birds and animals have a hard time. Don't forget, in the comfort of your own home, to provide for them.

Mrs. Elliott W. Brown

After a long period of failing health Mrs. Minnie Wodlaco Brown, wife of the Rev. Elliott W. Brown, D. D., of Main street, died in the Franklin county hospital in Greenfield, early Thursday morning, Jan. 9. She was born in Chicago and was married there to Dr. Brown, going with him immediately to his first pastorate in Seattle, Wash. There, as in succeeding pastorates, her ability, charming personality and willingness to serve, soon marked her as an ideal minister's wife. Dr. and Mrs. Brown established their home in Northfield in 1909, using it for a number of years as a summer home until 1926 when they came here permanently. They entered heartily into the activities of the town. Mrs. Brown identifying herself with the Women's organizations of the church, the Fortnightly club (of which she was at one time its president), and the Reading club. Her ability as a hostess in her own home was another proof of her friendliness and popularity; and in many a quiet way she continually added to her long list of friends. Besides her husband Mrs. Brown leaves her only sister, Mrs. William W. Coe of Northfield, and a number of nieces and nephews in California. Funeral services were conducted Sunday afternoon at the home by the Rev. Edward Fairbank and the Rev. Robert Bonner Jack, and appropriate hymns were sung by Irving J. Lawrence. Burial was in center cemetery in this town.

Will Begin Advertising

A series of ten newspaper and magazine advertisements for use outside of this state, a new photographic booklet, and a plan for a motion picture covering the tourist, residential and industrial attractions of the 70 cities and towns in the Connecticut Valley, are ready for approval of the county commissioners and the officers of the Pioneer Valley association, Miss Elisabeth Shoemaker, executive director, says. Officers of the association, of which John W. Haigis of Greenfield is president, held their first 1941 meeting at the Hotel Northampton, together with county commissioners from Franklin, Hampshire and Hampden counties. The 1941 advertisements, new designs, and new advertising plans were worked out in December, so that they can be shown during the membership drive, which will open early in March.

Skiing At Schools

Northfield students are enjoying good skiing conditions on both campuses and there is skating on Shadow Lake and Perry Pond. Ernest Modern, Northfield's new ski instructor, is kept busy with classes at both schools in the morning and afternoon and instruction at the Northfield for those guests who care to test their skill in this popular sport. Mr. Modern lived in Vienna, Austria, until that country was invaded by Germany. At an early age he went skiing and mountain climbing in the Austrian Alps. He practiced at the Skiing Center of the University of Vienna and later conducted trips into nearly all parts of the Swiss and Italian Alps. He arrived in the United States in the fall of 1939.

Elm And Chickadee Win In State Contest Result To Legislature

The American Elm and the chickadee have won the election for state tree and state bird in the contest conducted by the Massachusetts Forest and Park Association and the Audubon society. Accordingly a bill was introduced last week into the General Court, asking that the legislature make the election official and approve the selection. In the state wide poll in which Northfield residents participated, the American elm won by more than 7000 votes. The five leaders with the vote was as follows:

American Elm	31,870
Red Maple	24,642
White Pine	14,063
Paper Birch	8,866
Red Oak	7,698

On the ballot for birds, the chickadee won by more than 13,000 votes. Here are the figures of the first five leaders:

Chickadee	33,380
Song Sparrow	20,850
Wood Duck	8,714
Bobolink	7,727
Barn Swallow	5,622

Gallant and gay, no more admirable bird is native to Massachusetts than the chickadee. A scrap of valor in this gray and black creature. He goes dashing about the woods and pastures in summer, chirping his familiar deedee and chee-dees as if he was fairly bubbling with happiness and high spirits. In the winter, far from fleeing south before cold weather comes, like most of our birds do, he abides the cold snaps and the blizzards blithe and cheerful no matter what the weather.

The American elm, Ulmus americana to the botanists, is familiar to everyone for it is the commonest street tree in New England. Indeed its stately and graceful form towering up to 110 feet in the air, is internationally famous as being characteristic of the New England town. Mile after mile of suburban streets are arched with elms and much of the beauty of pasture and field is given by the "hour-glasses" of the elms standing alone above the grass and brush.

The favor which the elm enjoys comes not only from its beauty but also from its strength and hardiness.

The election has been held during the past four months. Thirty states already have state trees and almost all of them have state birds. The expected action of the General Court on the chickadee and the American elm will thus equip Massachusetts with a state bird and a state tree as well as a state flower, the trailing arbutus — which Massachusetts has had for years.

Local Delegation To Hear Mrs. Morrow

A large local delegation will go to Deerfield academy, next Thursday, Jan. 23, to hear Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow, who served her Alma Mater as President of Smith college, in the interim between the departure of President William Allen Neilson and the coming of President Herbert Davis, speak as a special guest, in commemoration of the 25th anniversary of Ginning college for women in China. Mrs. Morrow is chairman of the 25th anniversary committee and is raising \$25,000 over and above the college budget, in honor of Ginning "academic and war record." Members of the Franklin county and Hampshire county Smith college clubs and their friends are being invited to meet Mrs. Morrow and hear her speak.

Men's Night, To-night

The Fortnightly will meet this Friday evening at 8 o'clock in Alexander hall. It will be men's night and each member may invite one man guest. Frank B. Conklin of Deerfield academy will speak on "The Geology of the Connecticut Valley." Hostesses will be Mrs. H. H. Morse, Mrs. George McEwan and Mrs. Ernest Kirmann.

S.P.C.C. Annual

The Franklin county society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children will hold its annual meeting on Friday, Jan. 24, at the Weldon hotel. The meeting, which will begin with luncheon at 12:15 p. m. is open to the public. Ralph Barrows of the Church Home society in Boston, who has charge of the British guest children who are living in the state, will speak on his work with these refugee children after the annual meeting.

For Presidents Birthday Quinlan Local Leader

Postmaster Lawrence Quinlan will receive notice last week Friday of his appointment as a member of the group to plan and arrange for some observance of the Presidents birthday, in aid of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, for the county of Franklin. Carroll Lawler of Greenfield is the county chairman and will soon call a meeting of the appointees from the various towns to consider the kind of celebration to be held, although it is generally conceded it will be in the form of a large dance and musical program at the Greenfield armory.



Postmaster Quinlan

Since the first celebration of the event, many years ago, Postmaster Quinlan has been identified with the cause. For two years, Northfield held its own observance in the town hall with a dance, with a goodly number of patrons and patronesses, but since the ending of a local program has united in the county plans. Postmaster Quinlan received his certificate of appointment through the mail direct from the New York office of the campaign administration.

Fine Performance

"My Tomboy Girl" the musical comedy given in the town hall, Wednesday evening by a large cast of characters, under the auspices of the High School Alumni association was a huge success and well attended. It was a fine performance, and those taking part, assumed their roles in an efficient manner. Every act was applauded and most favorable comments were heard on all sides. The description of the play and its story was given in last weeks Press, as was also a list of the thespians.

THE PATCHWORK QUILT

She joined the square with loving care,
And set the dainty stitches,
A thrifty dame in olden days
Of tallow-dips and witches.
And every row of herringbone
And blocks so neatly shewn,
Can tell a story of its own,
Though sadly worn and faded.
This muslin from the lilac sprig
She wore to Sunday meeting,
When bashful beaux around the door
Were waiting for her greeting.
I seem to see her slipped feet
(The drowsy sermon over)
Go twinkling out among the graves,
Knee deep in dewy clover.
This little scrap of ivory hue
Her wedding gown discloses,
And as gay young wife she wore
This pink brocade with roses.
As years the duties multiplied
The colors grew more sober,
Till middle age demurely went
In browns of sere October.
So you can read her quiet life,
From morning's merry matin,
Until you spell the vespers out
In bits of chints and satin;
And here you know her form was bent,
Her locks were thin and hoary,
For blocks of woollen, black and gray,
And purple, end the story.
—Author Unknown

During the past week at various times on the slippery roads, motor accidents, have taken place, largely from skidding, resulting in damaged cars without an injury to anyone reported. Miss Catherine Rikert, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Rikert of Mt. Hermon, entertained friends last Saturday at a birthday party. Dr. H. W. Cummings of Mt. Hermon has been confined for several days at his home with the grip.

Congregational Church Services For The Week

Next Sunday the Sunday school will meet at 10 o'clock and the morning service will be at 11 with Rev. J. Glover Johnson of Mt. Hermon as the preacher. The Young Peoples Forum will meet at 7:45. The Friendly class will meet Monday evening at 6:30 o'clock at Alexander hall at which the Diakonia group of the Millers Falls Congregational church will be entertained. The Bible class will meet Tuesday at 8 o'clock at the home of Mrs. J. R. Colton with Mrs. W. H. Giebel as leader. Prayer meeting will be on Thursday evening at 7:15 and will be led by Samuel E. Walker. The Evening Auxiliary will meet on Friday evening at 7:30 (Jan. 24) with Mrs. George W. Carr. Miss Della White will lead devotions. It will be a sewing meeting.

Young People's Forum

The Young People's Forum of the Congregational church will present Rev. W. H. Giebel as speaker this Sunday evening at 7:30. Mr. Giebel will lecture on "The Great Pyramid of Gizeh." Was it a tomb of the Pharaohs or a prophetic symbol in stone? If the latter, what is its message and for what age in world history? An open discussion period will follow and light refreshments conclude the evening. Increasing interest is shown through attendance at Forum meetings and everyone is most cordially welcomed.

On An "Exam" Board

Among the "extra curricular" duties of Miss Mira B. Wilson, principal of Northfield seminary, is membership on a committee of the College Entrance Exam Board, whose duty it is to prepare an exhaustive handbook of college entrance requirements. The membership of the committee includes the presidents of several important colleges and universities. Miss Wilson is chairman of the New England preparatory school division of the board.

Was Given An Award

At a recent meeting in Philadelphia of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Dr. Philip R. White of Princeton was given the Stephen Hade Award, which is presented every two years by this society in recognition of outstanding research work in science. Dr. White is scheduled to appear on the General Electric radio program on Jan. 31. Dr. White is a son-in-law of the late George Arthur Smith and is a summer resident in this locality.

Joseph W. Field of this town was called to sit on the first jury case in Superior court this week at Greenfield, but after a half hour the jury was discharged as the case was announced settled without trial.

Ian French, who has been employed at the Northfield hotel, has accepted work with the Worcester Bank & Trust Co.

Final Census Returns Give Northfield 1975 An 87 Gain Since 1930

The county of Franklin has lost a population of 159 persons since the 1930 census, according to the final report of the census of 1940, which lists Franklin county with a population of 49,453. Northfield's population is given as 1975 and is included in the list of towns which have made gains. Orange has gained but Montague shows a loss of 499. The following towns in the county show a gain: Ashfield, Bernardston, Buckland, Colrain, Conway, Erving, Greenfield, Heath, Leverett, Northfield, Orange, Shelburne, Warwick and Wendell. The following towns show a loss: Charlemont, Deerfield, Gill, Hawley, Leyden, Monroe, Montague, New Salem, Rowe, Shutesbury, Sunderland and Whately. In a local check up, it would appear that our increase is largely due to developments in the East Northfield sector, where expansion of the schools during the past ten years has taken place and many new homes erected for permanent residences. The state of Massachusetts is given a population of 4,316,721 which is an increase of 67,107 over the figure of 1930. Here are the figures of population for the county towns, with losses showed by the asterisk.

Ashfield	872	4
Bernardston	964	61
Buckland	1,527	30
Charlemont	789	27*
Colrain	1,497	106
Conway	944	44
Deerfield	2,684	198*
Erving	1,328	65
Gill	981	52*
Greenfield	15,872	172
Hawley	257	56*
Heath	359	28
Leverett	688	11
Leyden	260	1*
Monroe	207	11*
Montague	7,582	499*
New Salem	357	57*
Northfield	1,975	87
Orange	5,611	246
Rowe	253	65*
Shelburne	1,636	92
Shutesbury	191	31*
Sunderland	1,085	74*
Warwick	444	77
Wendell	391	38
Whately	979	157*

Box Social Supper

The ladies of the Unitarian church have arranged a box social supper in the vestry of the church on Tuesday evening, Jan. 21 at 6:30 o'clock which will be unique and entertaining. The ladies will bring a box of food, each sufficient for two, and these boxes will be auctioned off to the men attending by Joseph W. Field as auctioneer. In each box will be the name of the provider, and the giver and buyer will eat their meal together. The public are invited to attend and participate in the event.

Clubwoman: Wageman: Homewoman—

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At her club meeting, it's kind of fun to hear some radical lecturer "prove" that most manufacturers are slickers, most store cheese is chalk, and most advertising is ballyhoo.

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TOWN TOPICS

Mr. and Mrs. Frank W. Kellogg, former residents of this town, who have recently spent their winters in St. Petersburg, have now located at Deland, Fla., for permanent residence.

The holidays are over at the Northfield schools and classes were resumed at the seminary on the 9th. Mt. Hermon boys returned to their studies on the 8th.

William Ledgard has returned to his teaching post with the English department of the Mt. Hermon school, having finished a four months' naval training course. Mr. Ledgard is now an ensign on the Naval reserve list in the United States Navy.

Perfect attendance for November and December by Beverly Billings, Alice Cota, Marjorie Clough and Albert Clough, were reported by Mrs. Richard Clough teacher at No. 4 school at the Farms this week.

At a meeting of the Health Council at the town hall Monday afternoon, definite plans were made for the public card party on the evening of Valentine's Day, Feb. 14 in the town hall to raise funds for its work.

Dr. Charles G. Trumbull of Philadelphia, editor of the Sunday School Times, died in a hotel at Pasadena, Calif. Monday evening, while visiting there. He was a personal friend of Mr. Hoehn, editor of the Press, and together with others, spent three months aboard ship, traveling about the Near East, Palestine and Egypt.

Dogs in the county have some value, beside being the pets and pride of their owners. Dog licenses in the county have brought in \$10,182.80 and now after paying certain expenses, County Treasurer W. J. Newcomb makes a distribution to the various towns. Northfield gets the total of \$533.07.

Carroll J. Lawlor of Greenfield who is the county chairman for the observance of the President's birthday in aid of infantile paralysis national foundation has named Ernest N. Kirmann of East Northfield and Orvil E. Mirtz of Mt. Hermon to the committee membership.

The town finance committee held a most important meeting with the selectmen at the town hall, Tuesday evening to go over the financial situation of the town and the list of articles of the warrant to be presented to the coming annual town meeting.

Mrs. Ralph O. Leach of Northfield Farms is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Vincent Sullivan at Bolton this week.

Rollin Truesdell of Leverett, died suddenly following an operation at the Franklin county hospital on Monday morning. He was a son of Rev. and Mrs. Arthur L. Truesdell of Bernardston and a brother of Samuel Truesdell of this town. He leaves a wife and three children.

For four days beginning next Tuesday through Friday, the observer groups, organized by the various American Legion posts, in this section of the country, will watch for the "flying fortresses" overhead. There are over 500 lookout posts and the testing area will center at Boston. The Northfield group headed by Capt. Wm. Marshall are ready.

The book of valuations issued by the assessors for the year 1940, has come from the printer and will now be distributed to property owners.

There will be a special meeting of the local air defense committee this Friday evening at 7:45 at the town hall. All interested are invited to attend.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Wilder, former residents of this town who have been staying at the Mansion House in Greenfield, have gone to New Haven, Conn. Mr. Wilder has been appointed a United States Army Inspector under the War Department and is serving at the Winchester Repeating Arms Co. in New Haven on the national defense program.

Contributions for Greek War Relief in Brattleboro has reached the sum of \$2400. Several contributions from Northfield have gone to swell the amount of the county fund being financed from Greenfield.

Mrs. D. F. Sutherland of Parker Ave. head of the local Red Cross unit for knitting has forwarded to headquarters an additional shipment completed by the women of 10 sweaters, 7 beanies, 6 pair mens socks, 2 pair mittens. More yarn has been received for distribution to those who can assist her in providing these essential needs.

A party of twenty employees from the Northfield hotel enjoyed a sleigh ride and social evening at Malins hotel in Warwick last week Thursday evening. They report a most enjoyable evening despite the fact that they were tipped out when the sleigh made a short turn in starting home.

The county draft boards have been urged to speed up selection to fill a quota for a call which may come in February. It is expected that Greenfield district will provide about 60 men and the Montague area about 45 men. Northfield is within the Montague area.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt will speak before the Mt. Holyoke college public affairs assembly on Wednesday, Feb. 6 and several from this town have been invited to attend and hear her.

Superior court in Greenfield which was to open its sessions Monday, was delayed until Wednesday owing to the illness of the presiding judge, Edward T. Broadhurst of Springfield.

The total amount of the Red Cross war relief fund which was raised in Northfield last summer, has been increased by additional gifts which now makes the fund \$479.50.

Herbert C. White of Northfield Mountain, Samuel Jones of Main street and Robert Russell of Northfield Farms who have gone into Co. L, 104th Infantry left yesterday for the Army at Greenfield. They go to Camp Edwards on the 26th for training.

The Outing club of the Hinsdale High school enjoyed a skating party on the pond of the Northfield hotel last Friday evening.

Miss Carolina B. Phelps, Miss Erma Reynolds and Miss Marguerite Liniger of the Northfield seminary are registered at a stay in New York during the school holiday vacation.

Mrs. Ignace Blimon underwent an operation at the Franklin county hospital last week and is now reported as making a good improvement.

The Back Yard Gardener

By C. O. Olson

Colorful, captivating, superb, exotic, stimulating. Yes folks, it's seed catalog time once again, and if you're anything like me you'll have the time of your life building gardens of dreams. Mine's a perfect riot of color and, believe it or not, it has no weeds and no bugs. You say you never saw such a garden. Well neither did I, but I'm having a grand time imagining that such a thing could be true. It's lots of fun.

But here's one thought I think we back yard gardeners ought to keep in mind as we build these fantasy gardens. It's this — a penny saved is a penny made. That old proverb does not apply too well to garden seed situation. It's much better to remember this adage—cheap seed is worth just what it costs. I think the experience of all of us will bear that out. And of course I'm applying that to vegetable seeds as well as to flower seeds.

Incidentally, I hope you're planning a few vegetables this year

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as well as flowers. You'll recall when we were in the last world war everybody had gardens. It might be well to have a vegetable garden in mind in case we get into this war. However, I think they are important war or no war.

I was reading a report sent out by the New York Experiment Station in which they stated that they had tested over 200 samples of flower seeds. The results show plainly that there are some excellent strains being offered by professional seedsmen, but on the other hand there are still far too many which are disappointingly and regrettably poor as to vigor, viability, and variety.

They remarked about some packages marked mixed or mixtures. Some of these were good, good, but the majority were not so good. It was plainly evident that under the name of mixture a large volume of very low value stock is sold to the unsuspecting flower grower.

The seed laboratory at the Mass. State college in Amherst has likewise tested some flower seeds. Of course you can't get a check on every type, and the only way they have of testing varieties is in the field. But at least you could get a check on a particular company—that is, if you think that the company might be selling you something which isn't what it is cracked up to be. I think you'll find, however, that most big seed companies are quite reliable. They charge you a big price as compared with cheap seed but it's worth it in the end. I'm sure you'll be better satisfied with the results you get while planning your garden in an easy chair in front of the fireplace.

Incidentally I noticed that the Waltham (Mass.) Field Station issued a list of the popular varieties of hardy asters. They do a lot of testing work and, if you're interested in trying some of the newer varieties, you might write to them and ask for a list of the best asters, sinningias, margolds, or whatnot.

And while we're on the subject of writing, may I suggest that you write to the Audubon Society, Newbury street, Boston, Mass., and ask for a copy of their booklet on "Attracting Birds with Food Plants." They'll not only attract birds but they'll attract the attention of your friends and they will make your garden more attractive—I mean the plants which they suggest.

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Vernon Grange will observe the 150th anniversary of Vermont's entry into the Union, next Wednesday evening at its regular meeting.

The South School P.-T. A. will hold an entertainment next Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock at the school house with Mrs. Hazel Johnson in charge.

Ernest Durant, recently broke his knee cap, by falling on his sled while drawing logs. The knee is strapped and he is about.

At the evening meeting last Sunday at the South Vernon church the opening song service was held by Earl Williams of Brattleboro, Ralph and Lorraine Lyons sang. Mrs. B. F. White and Mrs. Ralph Gibson played a duet on the chimes and organ and there was a brass duet by Earl Williams and Rev. B. F. White and a brass trio by Williams, Mr. White and Walter Bruce.

At the Loyal Workers' meeting Sunday evening, a short discussion of programs for the coming months was held at the close of the service. Members gave several suggestions, which will be carried out in future meetings. Members of the devotional committee arranging meetings are Warren Brown, Grace Tenney and James Lyons.

State Senator Ernest W. Dunklee and Rep. Benjamin A. Streeter came from Montpelier, Vt., to spend the weekend at their homes.

Mrs. Julia Ennis and sister, Mrs. Mary Johnson of Amherst, returned to Mrs. Ennis' home in South Vernon last week.

Miss Margaret Casey of Brattleboro was a weekend guest of Miss Alma Dunklee.

Miss Marjorie Tyler of Castle-ton normal school spent the weekend with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Tyler.

Harold Gould returned home, Thursday from the Franklin county hospital. He is gradually improving.

Alfred Gove is cutting ice on the Frost pond for farmers in that neighborhood.

News has been received here of the death, recently, of Bert L. Clark at a hospital in Portsmouth, N. H. He had been living at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Alfred Lachey, in Portsmouth, since last fall. Burial was in Morrisville, Vt. Saturday. Mr. Clark was born in Stowe, Vt., about 64 years ago, and married Susie Fichett in 1904. Mr. and Mrs. Clark came here from Morrisville about 15 years ago to carry on the Belding farm and later returned to Morrisville. They came to Vernon about five years ago to live with their daughter, Mrs. Lachey. After the death of Mrs. Clark last September, Mr. Clark and Mrs. Lachey joined Mr. Lachey, who had employment in the shipyard in Portsmouth. Besides his daughter, Mr. Clark leaves two brothers, Walter and Harry Clark of Stowe, Vt.

TOWN TOPICS

Frank W. Williams is about again, after recovering from illness which kept him confined to the house for a time.

Miss Cecil Mason of Williams-town, has been spending a few days with her father, Carl Mason, at his home on Main street.

Donald MacIntyre, a pupil at the Pine street school, suffered a fractured wrist last week Wednesday in jumping from a swing.

There will be a meeting of the Franklin - Hampshire American Legion posts and auxiliaries delegates at Shelburne Falls, tomorrow, Saturday. The session will begin at 8 o'clock, supper will be served at 6 o'clock and dancing will follow in the evening. Department Commander Chester Grant will be the speaker. It is expected local members will attend.

At the installation of the officers of the Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange held in Greenfield last week, Lewis Shine of this town was inducted as assistant steward; Mrs. Dorothy Miller as secretary; and Carroll Miller to the executive committee for three years. Luckey O. Clapp was named to the legislative committee.

Miss Jennie E. Haight, formerly of this town, but now living in Springfield, is on a visit to San Antonio, Texas.

Thomas Eastman of Mt. Hermon, who is in military service is now at Ft. Ethan Allen in Vermont.

A Bible class of men and women was formed last Monday evening at the Congregational church. Mrs. Giebel is the teacher.

Robert Taylor and an intertid crew soar through the air to high adventure, power-dive to supreme thrills and give audiences every moment of excitement aviation can produce in "Flight Command" dramatic story of a val aviation filmed with the cooperation of the United States Navy, and coming to the Lathis Memorial theatre, Sunday for four days.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barnes and family have moved from West road in Vernon, to Greenfield.

Vary Your Breads

By Frances Lee Barton

BREAD may be the "staff of life" but that does not mean that you must go through your entire life leaning on one staff. Vary your breads and you will find your meals much more appetizing and pleasing. Here is a recipe for a Date Orange Nut Bread that will prove an ideal presentation for "Variation Number One":

Date Orange Nut Bread

1½ cups sifted flour; 1½ teaspoons double-acting baking powder; ¼ teaspoon salt; ¼ cup finely cut dates; ¼ cup chopped walnut meats; ¼ cup milk; ¼ cup melted butter or other shortening; 2 eggs, well beaten; orange rind and syrup mixture.

Sift flour once, measure, add baking powder and salt, and sift again. Add dates and nuts and mix well. Combine milk, shortening, eggs, and orange rind and syrup mixture. Add to flour mixture and blend. Bake in greased loaf pan, 8 x 4 x 3 inches, in slow oven (325° F.) 35 minutes; then increase heat to moderate (350° F.) and bake 25 minutes longer, or until done. Store 6 to 8 hours or overnight before using.

To prepare orange rind and syrup mixture, remove skins in quarters from 2 medium oranges. Lay quarters flat, remove and discard white part. With a very sharp knife, cut remaining rind in shreds. Add 1¼ cups water and ¼ teaspoon salt, and simmer 15 minutes. Drain, reserving liquid. Measure ¼ cup; add rind and ½ cup sugar, and cook gently 6 to 8 minutes, or until thickened. Cool.

Patient Diner: Everything comes to him who waits, I suppose.

Waiter: Yes, sir, but the gentleman who won't wait gets his first.

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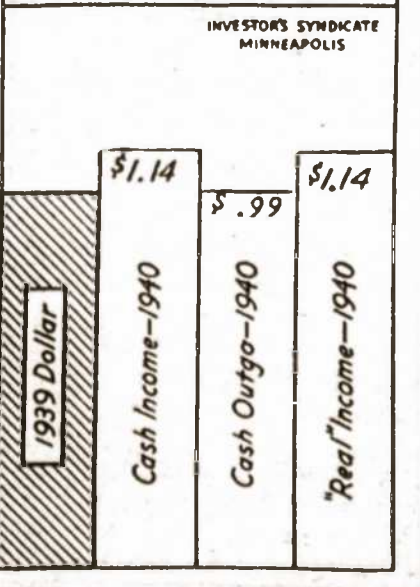
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Cash income of Mr. and Mrs. Public in November was \$1.14 for every \$1 a year earlier. This gain of fourteen cents on the dollar resulted from the following changes per dollar: wages up thirteen cents and salaries six cents; investment income was up nine cents and other income was up twenty-two cents on the dollar.

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Phillips Beans with Pork	No. 2½ can	7½c
Aunt Jemima Pancake Flour	24-oz pkg	10c
Log Cabin Pancake Syrup	12-oz bottle	15c
Mothers Flour	24½-lb sack	79c
Del Monte Fruit Cocktail	No. 2½ can	19c
B & M Oven Baked Beans	2 large cans	25c
Green Giant Peas	2 tall cans	25c
MURO Macaroni, Spaghetti, Elbows, Shells, Etc.	3 lbs	23c
St. Elmo Tomato Paste	4 5-oz cans	19c
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Some people say that all enthusiasm should be taken out of advertising. In books and speeches they crusade for bleak little ads that give nothing but thread counts, strength and chemical tests, dimensions and prices. What a pity if they had their way!

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Friday, January 17, 1941

EDITORIAL

THE TOWN WEEKLY

The backbone of American community life is to be found in the small town newspapers, according to Arthur Robb, executive editor of Editor and Publisher. Mr. Robb explained recently the trend toward one-newspaper towns, and he recited some of the tremendous obstacles of small city newspaper in facing competition of the metropolitan press. He said that there are more than 1,000 cities out of a total of 1400 in which there is no competition. Editor and Publisher reports the transfer of many newspapers from daily to weekly issues in communities where "no local newspaper or radio competition exists." Mr. Robb spoke strongly in opposition to methods in business and in economic affairs that were thinning out the ranks of the country press. He added, "In the hands of the country press, it seems to me, the future of our civilization largely lies."

STORE SERVICE

The consumer looks for two things in the retail stores he patronizes. He wants honest value. And he wants good service.

The patron of the modern store gets those two things. The customer in the little town gets the same kind of goods at the same price as the customer in the big cities. And he gets the same kind of service. Hit-and-miss methods went out of merchandising with the passing of the one-store mon-

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opoly in smaller communities. Today the consumer has a choice of stores, products and prices.

Mass merchandising is like mass production—it is one of the ways of providing the people with more goods and better quality goods for less money. Mass merchandising was pioneered by the chains, and they have brought it to a high degree of perfection. But the independent stores have not fallen behind the march of progress. They have followed similar principles, even to the extent of forming central purchasing organizations.

He: I don't think they've had their money long.
She: How do you know?
He: Because he knows too much about the working parts of an automobile.

Boy Scout News

The regular meeting of the Boy Scouts was held Monday evening in the North church vestry with Scoutmaster Walter Harding in charge. After a game period and business meeting, the troop divided up into groups to work on tests. Troop committeeman Louis Abbey has started a special class

to develop proficiency in signaling by the Morse Code method. Meetings of this group will be held as part of the troop meetings for the next few weeks. The meeting closed with Scout oath, law, and flag salute under the direction of Assistant Scoutmaster Richard Harris.

Little Eleanor: Uncle Louis, do you know that a baby was fed on elephant's milk and gained 20 pounds in a few weeks.
Uncle Louis: Nonsense! Impossible! Whose baby was it?
Little Eleanor: The elephant's baby.

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Do you know that in Massachusetts 60.5 per cent of the total worker families are supported by one worker, 23.9 per cent by two workers, 9.7 per cent by three workers and 5.9 per cent by four or more workers. . . . A daily average of 17,150 motor cars used the East Boston tunnel during 1940, 5 per cent more than in 1939. About 74 per cent of the

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We never figured out what your chances are of winning according to those tables statisticians use. But if you have been writing poetry, finishing sentences sending in box tops and doing other sundry things required to be called "The Winnah!" don't give up. Radio contests pay big dividends if you come in first.

And anyway, in your spare time you can send penny post cards for samples. If you keep your ears glued to your set you can probably get enough breakfast food for a week, pills in case you have headaches, and even books and magazines to read. It ain't so bad.

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According to the latest available government figures, the annual average wage of all workers in employment covered by old age insurance law was \$841.00.

If the 45,000,000 workers of this country received the same average wage as Ford employees, they would have had additional wages of more than \$35,000,000,000, thus increasing the national income about 50%. Think what such an increase would mean to the workers of this country and to the American farmer, whose prices are based on the national income.

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parison of compensation insurance costs:

The national average rate in automotive manufacturing plants as computed by the National Association of Underwriters is in excess of \$1.50 premium on each \$100 payroll. The Ford cost of workmen's compensation is less than 50c.

This indicates that the chance of injury in a Ford plant is much less than in the average automobile plant.

The Ford Motor Company has no age limit for labor, and in fact deliberately attempts to keep older workers working. The average age of Ford workers at the Rouge and nearby plants is 38.7.

A recent check-up shows that nearly one-half the workers at these Ford plants were 40 or over, falling into these age groups:

25,819	between 40 and 50
14,731	between 50 and 60
3,377	between 60 and 70
417	between 70 and 80
12	between 80 and 90

In addition to the so-called regular employees, the Ford Motor Company has hired, and now has on the payroll, at the same regular hourly wage, thousands of workers who are blind, crippled or otherwise incapacitated for normal productive work. They are not selected for their ability to build cars or to maintain the plant. They are on the payroll because of Henry Ford's belief that the responsibility of a large company to labor goes beyond the point at which the unfortunate worker can no longer produce profitably.

The above are facts. They are open to anyone who really wants to deal in facts. Anyone who wants to get a job . . . buy a car . . . or place a national defense contract on the basis of fair labor treatment must place Ford at the top of his eligible list.

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